

# PATROL NEWS

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# From the Staff ...

**Major Greg K. Smith**  
**Field Operations Bureau**



Technology and equipment upgrades can have a significant impact on Patrol personnel. To lessen the effects of change, in-depth product evaluations and testing are completed prior to committing to a new purchase; and, the Field Operations Bureau continually seeks input from troopers in the field. In retrospect, a great deal of gratitude should be shared with the members who have served on special committees, the Budget and Procurement Division, and the personnel within the Supply Section.

From civil unrest to natural disasters, the Patrol must act in an efficient and expedient manner. Additionally, the lessons learned from each of these events have helped us prepare for the future. With the assistance of our Supply Section, recent purchases include some of the following equipment:

- Rock River AR-15 rifles were purchased for enforcement personnel.
- Heavy tactical vests were issued to all enforcement personnel.
- Four 'cut teams' have been equipped and trained to address potential issues when encountering civil unrest and those who wish to utilize locking devices during protests.
- FN Herstal sniper rifles and new optics were obtained for SWAT snipers.
- New night vision goggles were purchased for the SWAT teams via a grant.
- Training and the issuance of Tasers will occur during 2017.
- Six Mercury 470 heavy duty inflatable rescue boats were procured to assist with rescues in extremely hazardous swift water following flash flooding.

One of the most recent technological advancements for enforcement personnel occurred when the Aircraft Division began using the Augmented Reality System (ARS). The ARS greatly improves situational awareness and allows pilots to utilize advanced mapping overlays to provide directions to ground officers during manhunts, or when searching for missing persons. This advanced mapping system depicts buildings, street names, and addresses, which enables our pilots to communicate with officers in a more succinct manner. During flooding or other catastrophic events, the ARS will assist in guiding officers on scene to locations that are no longer visible. This system will help coordinate search efforts and reduce duplicating ground operations. With the implementation of the ARS, the Aircraft Division is no longer bound to a specified area, and can conduct speed enforcement operations virtually anywhere on Missouri's highways. With the improvement in technology, the Aircraft Division will take a more active role in hazardous moving and DWI enforcement operations. So far, Aircraft Division pilots utilizing the new ARS and FLIR systems have been instrumental in tracking and helping to locate fleeing subjects in 15 vehicular pursuits in several troop areas.

The Major Crash Investigation Unit has also made numerous advancements regarding technology. The teams use advanced global positioning systems, which allows a single officer to map a scene in a more expedient manner. At times, summer foliage blocks the line of sight, or satellite coverage is not available, and officers revert to Hybrid Total Stations. Our crash teams lead the way nationally in terms of advanced technology they use in crash investigation.

Technology and the latest in equipment upgrades have simply changed the Patrol's daily operations; and, without doubt, will continue to positively impact the future in every area of enforcement.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G.K. Smith". The signature is stylized, with the first letters of the first and last names being large and prominent.

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## Social Media Snapshot



*Tweets about the current recruit class always get attention. This one garnered 249 likes/reactions in 17 hours. It was posted April 25, 2017.*

## Cover

Clerk Typist III C. Michele Parrott, Troop E, was named Civilian of the Year for 2016. With her in the picture is Col. Sandra Karsten. The nomination described Michele as being one of the unsung heroes of the agency. "She excels in her duties and responsibilities, and has earned the respect and admiration of all of her co-workers."

# C.O.P.S.

Please be aware of the following upcoming retreats sponsored by C.O.P.S.

**July 23-29, 2017**

Kids Camp in East Troy, WI  
Outward Bound Adventure in  
Cataract Canyon, UT

## August 18-21, 2017

## Fiancés/Significant Others Retreat in Potosi, MO

## September 8-11, 2017

**September 22-25, 2017**

## October 6-9, 2017

## October 13-16, 2017

## October 27-30, 2017

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Dad bless you!  
 Margaret  
 Lucia  
 Matthews Ian Sarah  
 Joy  
 Laurie  
 ♥  
 Nise Jo  
 Marcella  
 Franca

# Thank You

Thank you all so much for your visits, the flowers, and cards, and to all those who attended the services for Arvin. You made this time of sorrow much easier to bear. My family appreciates all of you.

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# Patrol Helo Crews Locate Missing Persons

By Sgt. Jeff G. Noack, Q/AD

Aircraft Division flight crews recently located two missing persons in the Bell 407 helicopter using the FLIR camera equipment. The searches occurred in Henry and Wayne County.

The first search began at approximately 8 p.m. on February 24, 2017, when Donna Stearns, from Harrisonville, MO, contacted Troop A, Lee's Summit, and requested Troop A officers assist her in locating her missing 49-year-old husband, Kenneth Stearns. Mrs. Stearns stated she and her husband were camping in the area and Mr. Stearns had gone fishing at approximately 1 p.m. and had not returned. He was believed to be fishing by boat on Truman Lake near Sparrowfoot campground.

Troop A officers and Patrol helicopter 93MP responded to assist in the search. At approximately 4 a.m. on February 25, 2017, the Patrol helicopter located Mr. Stearns on the lake near a partially submerged sand bar between the Sparrowfoot and Deepwater access, in a remote area.

The Patrol pilot directed officers by boat to Stearns' location where they extracted him and transported him

to the Sparrowfoot boat ramp where emergency personnel were waiting. Mr. Stearns was transported to Golden Valley Hospital before being transferred to Kansas University Medical Center. Mr. Stearns had suffered serious health effects from being exposed to the elements.

Below is a text message sent from Mrs. Stearns to Trooper Matt G. Yendes, Troop A, thanking members of the Highway Patrol for their assistance:

*"So, they sent Ken to KU on a chopper. He's doing much better. His eyes are probably the worst as they were full of sand! His buddies got his boat out. If all goes well he may go home tomorrow!! I just want to say thank you so much for everything!! Last night, every one of you were heroes! I don't think he could have made it much longer. I appreciate all the support you gave me and you really got me through it. I doubt I'd have held it together as well if you hadn't helped me keep it together!! So, Matt, thank you for your service and for your team giving me back my best friend in life. Good luck and God bless each and every*

*one of you! BTW Ken said "best cop" experience he's ever had!! LOL Truly, that's a compliment! Stop by the campsite someday please take care!! Thank you!!"*

The second search began at approximately midnight on March 2, 2017, when a 60-year-old Wayne County resident became lost in a densely wooded and rugged area near her residence while she attempted to locate her dog. Members of the Highway Patrol and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department responded to the area in an attempt to locate the subject.

A Highway Patrol helicopter responded to the scene from Jefferson City to assist with the search. At approximately 9:52 a.m., the Patrol pilot and an observer located the missing woman and her dog approximately two miles from her residence.

The Patrol pilot directed officers on the ground to her location and they escorted her to safety to where emergency personnel were waiting. The victim was evaluated by emergency medical services, refused medical treatment, and was returned home.





# Superintendent, Troop E CO Honored As Trail Blazers

By Trooper Todd E. Erpenbach, Troop E

A powerful combination of music, prayer, and camaraderie set the tone for an evening designed to open the lines of communication between the community and the law enforcement officers who have sworn to protect them. The Sunday evening prayer service, entitled "Bridging the Gap," was hosted by Bishop Ron Webb and the Mt. Calvary Powerhouse Church in Poplar Bluff on February 26. The congregation included a diverse, cross-section of community members, ministers of several different faiths, and officers from the Poplar Bluff law enforcement community. This event provided a special opportunity for law enforcement officers to become more involved with our minority communities.

Words of welcome were provided by Captain Roger D. Whittler (Q/CRD), which was followed by an invocation by visiting Chaplain Floyd Wade and the posting of colors by the Poplar Bluff High School JROTC.

Then-Lieutenant Colonel Sandra K. Karsten and Captain Jeffrey N. Vitale, Troop E, were among three individuals recognized as "Trail Blazers." The award was bestowed upon them for their proactive approach to community policing and their efforts to improve the relations between law

*The congregation greeted then-Lt. Col. Sandra Karsten with a standing ovation. Capt. Roger Whittler, Q/CRD, is also pictured.*

enforcement and the minority community.

Capt. Vitale was afforded the opportunity to introduce members of the Patrol who were in attendance and then offered his insight into the topic of the evening. "Law enforcement cannot do it alone; so, it is imperative that we partner with the community we serve," he said. "We are public servants that have sworn to serve and protect you. So, let's work together; because we are stronger in numbers. We are always here to help you! My motto is 'serving our communities together.'"

Prior to accepting her award, then-Lieutenant Colonel Karsten addressed the congregation, who welcomed her with a standing ovation. "Every day across Missouri, law enforcement stands ready to assist someone in need," said then-Lt. Col. Karsten. "We stand ready to assist others. But, we can't do this work alone; we must rely on community members to assist us,



to come to our aid, to provide information, and to be our eyes and ears ... to communicate with us. The public are the police and the police are the public. But, regardless of how the work we do unites others, it is the way we do this work that translates into true unity. We do this work because we value human lives, we value order in our communities, and we value safety. We do this work as a calling. We do this work to make a difference, to have an impact on others." In closing, she stated, "As your colonel, I pledge to continue these efforts through our involvement in your communities, in events such as this, and in increasing the ways in which we communicate and unite each of you through common ground. The Patrol has a long history of uniting others and I promise to build on that."

Other guest speakers included Chief Danny Whitley, of the Poplar Bluff Police Department, Superintendent Scott Dill, of the Poplar Bluff School District, and Assistant United States Attorney Larry H. Ferrell.

At the conclusion of the service, all of the hosts, guests, and law enforcement officers were granted the opportunity to visit with each other while enjoying an exceptionally prepared meal.

*Capt. Jeff Vitale, Troop E, accepts a Trail Blazer award from Sen. Doug Libla. Bishop Ron Webb observes.*





# DPS Names Tpr. Sanders Employee Of The Month

*By Cpl. Juston Wheetley, Troop C*

November 3, 2016 started out as a normal day for Trooper Jeremy D. Sanders, Troop C. New to the area and having just completed field training, Tpr. Sanders was patrolling on U.S Highway 67 in St. Francois County. "I was traveling northbound on 67 and was slowly overtaking a Porsche SUV which was in the right lane," said Tpr. Sanders. "As I overtook the vehicle and began to pull back in front of it, I looked in my rearview mirror and noticed it was displaying an expired handicap plate. I didn't remember seeing that on the back, so I slowed and let the vehicle pass. I noticed the Porsche was displaying a regular plate on the rear."

The events that transpired next would prove you should never expect any traffic stop to be routine. What appeared to be a simple registration violation would become much more than anyone expected. Many of us who have attended the Highway Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy in Jefferson City can recall the instructors yelling, "Attention to detail!" This meant many things in Academy life.

I recall one instructor saying, "Make sure you pay attention to all the details. You don't want to find a dead body in a car and lose a case on details." I'm sure many of us would *never* expect for that to happen; the instructor was just over exaggerating, right? Well, that's exactly what happened to Tpr. Sanders.

Tpr. Sanders attempted to initiate a traffic stop and the Porsche fled by exiting U.S. 67 at Missouri Highway 8, turned right onto Cedar Falls Road, and crashed into a wooded area. The Porsche continued by crashing through a citizen's yard, damaging three fences, and coming to rest in a small patch of woods. The unknown vehicle occupants fled the Porsche on foot into the wooded area. Tpr. Sanders informed Troop C Radio of his involvement and requested assistance from the neighboring police departments. Within a short time, local offi-



*Capt. Ron S. Johnson, Troop C, Sgt. C. Todd Davies, Troop C, Tpr. Jeremy Sanders, Troop C, Mrs. Jilian Sanders, Col. Sandra Karsten, Q/SO, DPS Deputy Director Gregg Favre, and Major Greg Smith, Q/FOB, pause for this photo after the Employee of the Month presentation.*

cers apprehended one suspect nearby. The second suspect was apprehended later, a short distance from the scene. A subsequent search of the Porsche SUV revealed a deceased white male in the rear cargo area. If not for Tpr. Sanders and his attention to detail, one could only speculate what would have happened regarding the victim's body and the suspects. Now, thanks to Tpr. Sanders' efforts, the suspects are in custody and the victim's family has closure.

"We train our officers to pay attention to details. I am very proud that Tpr. Sanders was being observant and followed through on those suspicions," said Colonel Sandra K. Karsten, Q/SO. "Another critical piece in this case was the fact that Missouri requires a front and back license plate. Two license plates certainly assist law enforcement, and made the difference for Tpr. Sanders."

As a result of his actions, the Department of Public Safety named Tpr. Sanders the March 2017 DPS



*Col. Sandra Karsten (r) congratulates the March 2017 DPS Employee of the Month, Tpr. Jeremy Sanders, Troop C.*

Employee of the Month. During a ceremony on March 31 at Troop C Headquarters, DPS Deputy Director Gregg Favre presented the award to Tpr. Sanders. Col. Karsten, Q/SO, and Major Greg K. Smith, Q/FOB, along with Troop C Captain Ronald S. Johnson and the Troop C staff were present to congratulate Tpr. Sanders on his achievement. Early in his career, Tpr. Sanders encountered something that most officers never do. He showed the focus and dedication of an officer with many years' experience and through his actions brought closure to a horrific event.

"Trooper Sanders used outstanding observation skills and noticed a car with a registration issue that some may not have noticed," said Major Greg K. Smith, Q/FOB. "He didn't hesitate to take appropriate action and eventually arrested the homicide suspect."



# Colonel Karsten Sworn In, Makes History

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

The air was filled with anticipation and happy greetings, the tables displayed a variety of yummy desserts (gluten free, too!), and everyone present knew they were part of Patrol history in the making. It was March 14, 2017, the day the first female colonel of the Missouri State Highway Patrol would take her Oath of Office. Many supporters came to celebrate the occasion.

With her husband, Tim, sons, John and Paul, and Governor Eric R. Greitens standing around her, Colonel Sandra K. Karsten repeated her oath to Judge Carol England, associate circuit judge for Division VI within the 13th Judicial Circuit.

"I am so excited to be here with members of the Patrol family and with leaders who paved the way for Col. Karsten," said Gov. Greitens in his remarks. "I know she will continue to lead it with integrity and courage. She has my full confidence as she takes on this role. I'm honored to serve with you, Colonel, and honored to be here with you today. I thank all of you for your service." He went on to say that leaders like Col. Karsten, who acquit themselves every day with honor, integrity, and service, serve as role models for young people all over the state.

Early in the celebration, Col. Karsten welcomed everyone and introduced family members, former zone members and supervisors, and some special guests. After being sworn in, she spoke to those gathered in the Academy gymnasium. She expressed her appreciation for the overwhelming show of support, phone calls, emails,

*Recruit Bradley J. Lueckenhoff, Q/TND, sang the national anthem as Troop F presented the colors.*



*Colonel Sandra Karsten says her Oath of Office. Pictured are (l to r) Judge Carol England, John Karsten, Tim Karsten, Paul Karsten (behind the colonel), Col. Karsten, and Gov. Eric Greitens.*



*This photo celebrates the history and journey of female members of the Patrol. Pictured left to right are: retired Captain Lee Ann Kenley (first female troop commander), retired Lieutenant Keverne McCollum (first female zone sergeant), Col. Sandra Karsten, Bridget Hug (first female trooper), retired Sergeant Cindy Newton (first female member to retire), retired Sergeant Arie Hoard (first black female in Governor's Security Division), Patricia Wright (first female trooper), and retired Sergeant Paula Howell (first black female trooper, first black female trooper to retire).*

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## — Karsten

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and flowers after her nomination February 1. She made note that many of those present influenced her throughout her career: fellow recruits, former zone members and supervisors, the colonels upon whose staff she served, and several representatives from other agencies.

Col. Karsten said she remembers from whence she came, from a recruiting event and testing to her first traffic stop, first fatality, and first line of duty death notification. "I never set out to be first at anything. The history happened as I was going about working hard and trying to do the right thing in the assignments I was given."

"Each day, we share history by what we do and how we do it," said Col. Karsten. "We make a significant impact on others. I hope to inspire people of all races to pursue a career in law enforcement."

Col. Karsten also said the Patrol will work to enhance safety—ours and citizens—by leveraging technology and striving for improvements. She promised to continue improving relationships between law enforcement and the community one contact at a time. "We'll bridge the gap and interact with people of all backgrounds. We'll improve communication and increase community involvement. We will listen and we will observe, and we will learn from our mistakes. We'll work as a team despite our differences. Our shared values, shared steps will bring out the best of the Patrol."

The colonel closed by expressing her appreciation for the opportunity to serve as the colonel. After the ceremony, everyone enjoyed the desserts while pictures were taken and conversation flowed.

(Col. Karsten was nominated by Gov. Greitens on February 1. She was unanimously confirmed by the Missouri Senate on March 9, 2017.)

## Area Students Complete Student Alliance Program

*By Sgt. Eric F. Brown, Troop B*

On Saturday, March 25, 2017, 22 Troop B area high school students completed the 2017 Troop B Missouri State Highway Patrol Student Alliance Program. The program was conducted at the Troop B Headquarters in Macon, MO, on Saturday, March 18, 2017, and Saturday, March 25, 2017. During the two-day program, the students, who represented 13 high schools, were familiarized with many duties performed by a Missouri state trooper. They also participated in hands-on activities, such as firing a Glock pistol, stop and approach techniques, and crime scene investigations. The students observed a canine demonstration and heard presentations from several members and civilian employees of the Patrol. The program, which targeted juniors and seniors in high school, was conducted to provide an opportunity for interested individuals to learn more about law enforcement and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Each participant was presented a certificate of completion and a Missouri State Highway Patrol T-shirt.

Students who attended the program were: Tanner Adams, of Jacksonville, MO; Jacob Barker and Nathan Skinner, of Kirksville, MO; Ethan Bray and Seth Bray, of Macon, MO; Shaye Eggleston, of Memphis, MO; Elliott Faulconer, of Maywood, MO; Skylynn Fields and Logan Tubbs, of Marceline, MO; Dillon Houk and Nikita Powell, of Milan, MO; Jessica Huff, of Rutledge, MO; Tristen Kice, of Arbela, MO; Cody McKenzie, of Clarence, MO; Brett Monroe, of Memphis, MO; Toby Moss of LaGrange, MO; Austin Perkins, of Unionville, MO; Alyssa Ratliff and Anthony Ratliff, of Farmington, MO; Jaclyn Scott, of LaBelle, MO; Gregory Sly-Crandall, of Edina, MO; and Jeffrey Wilt of Shelby, MO.



*This group of high school students completed a Student Alliance Program at Troop B Headquarters on March 25, 2017.*

# K9 Cipo Receives Special Vest From Foundation

***By Sgt. Jake P. Angle, Troop H***

Ms. Donna Wilson with The Going To The Dogs Foundation provided K9 Cipo with a new bullet/stab resistant vest during a presentation on March 30, at Troop H Headquarters. "This vest has added an extra level of protection for Cipo, who routinely is put in harm's way," said Troop H Sergeant Mark A. Wilhoit, K9 Cipo's partner.

*K9 Cipo is pictured sporting his new bullet/stab resistant vest.*



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# Foundation Presents Special Vest To K9 Hugo

***By Sgt. John H. Lueckenhoff, Troop D***

Ms. Donna Wilson with Going To The Dogs Foundation presented a bullet/stab resistant vest to the Patrol for use by K9 Hugo. The presentation took place on April 7, at the Troop D Service center. "I am grateful for the generous gift that will assist in protecting Hugo during high risk incidents," said Tpr. Tim A. Barrett, Troop D and K9 Hugo's partner. "Hugo is still a little unsure about the vest, however he seems to be adjusting well."



*K9 Hugo is getting used to wearing his new bullet/stab resistant vest.*



*Pictured left to right are: Trooper Tim A. Barrett, Troop D, and K9 Hugo, Mr. Jim Wilson, Ms. Donna Wilson, and Sgt. John H. Lueckenhoff, Troop D.*



# Troop F Competes In Inaugural Molly's Miles 5K

By Sgt. Scott White, Troop F

On April 8, 2017, several law enforcement agencies and members of Troop F were on hand in Columbia, MO, to compete in the inaugural Molly's Miles 5k. A total of 783 people finished the event which pays tribute to Columbia Police Officer Molly Bowden. Molly was 26 on January 10, 2005, when she was shot during a traffic stop at Nifong and Forum boulevards. She died in the hospital a month later.

All proceeds from the race were donated to Missouri Concerns of Police Survivors, which is focused on rebuilding the lives of surviving families and co-workers of Missouri law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty.

After a race introduction by Dave and Beverly Thomas (parents of Officer Molly Bowden), colors were presented by Troop F's Honor Guard. The run started and finished at The Molly Thomas Bowden Memorial Park at 900 W Nifong. The course included a "Memorial Mile" with flags and signs for the 669 law enforcement officers in



Missouri that have died in the line of duty. Trooper James Bava's parents, James and Alyce Bava, were present to award medals to the top finishers.

Of the 783 finishers, 497 were female and 286 were male. The average time was 42:28. Trooper R. Mike Malone, Troop F, took home a 5th place finish (overall) with a time of 20:10.

The race also held a "First Responder Challenge"

where teams of three responders/officers from different agencies competed against each other. The top three team members' times were averaged to calculate team placing. Six teams competed in the challenge including Columbia PD, University of Missouri PD, Boone County Sheriff's Department, Boone County Fire Protection District, Clayton PD, and MSHP. Members of Troop F took home a first-place finish in the challenge with an average time of 21:58, and combined time of 1:05:53.



Mr. James Bava awards a medal to Tpr. Brandon Harris after the race.



Trooper James M. Bava's (EOW 8-28-2015) parents join Troop F members participating in Molly's Miles 5K in this photo. Pictured are (l to r, front row): Tpr. Shawn Brazas, Mrs. Alyce Bava, Tpr. Brandon Harris, Mr. James Bava, Tpr. Mike Malone, Tpr. Catlynn E. Newbold; (l to r, back row): Sgt. Mike A. Halford, Cpl. Scott Ballard, Tpr. Jake Vislay, Sgt. Paul W. Meyers, and Cpl. Robert A. Sanders.



Molly's Miles 3: Tpr. Shawn Brazas, Tpr. Brandon Harris, and Tpr. Jake Vislay entered as a team to compete in the First Responder Challenge. The team took first place.

The MSHP (Troop F) team included:

1. Trooper Shawn A. Brazas—20:30
2. Trooper Brandon L. Harris—21:48
3. Trooper Jake H. Vislay—23:35

Planning for the 5K began in August 2016. The Molly's Miles 5K Committee is made up of representatives from the University of Missouri Police Department, the Columbia Police Department, the Boone County Sheriff's Department, the Missouri State Highway Patrol (Corporal Scott A. Ballard), and Molly's parents, David and Beverly Thomas.



# 21 Patrol Employees Honored At Awards Banquet

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

*"How fortunate are we that we work for an organization filled with people who live its core values, serve and protect others, and who are brave and humble and kind?" asked Colonel Sandra K. Karsten, superintendent of the Patrol, during her keynote address at the annual awards banquet. "Every year, we are blessed to be able to celebrate the actions of our coworkers. This year's award recipients are examples of employees who distinguished themselves by saving lives, running toward danger, showing compassion to others, and making a difference."*

Col. Karsten's keynote address focused on the Patrol family and included a video tribute to the award recipients and their co-workers. She spoke of the Patrol family's support for one another, and thanked all Patrol employees for what they do each day and for the way they serve others. She also expressed her appreciation to Patrol retirees by thanking them for what they did to "make a difference on future generations of employees."

"Much has changed over the last 86 years, but it is reassuring to know that some things remain constant," said Col. Karsten. "Members of the Patrol are ladies and gentlemen who enforce the law."

She spoke directly to the members of The MASTERS saying, "We are doubly blessed to be in this room surrounded by our extended family, The MASTERS. This is a group who has truly made a difference and exemplifies kindness and humility. Never looking for accolades, The MASTERS quietly comes to help the families of our fallen heroes. They are literally only a phone call away."

"My family thought it was a nice ceremony in what my 11-year-old said was a 'fancy room,'" said Sergeant Jason H. Glendenning, Troop I. "I

thought the colonel was an outstanding speaker and the video was very well made."

This was the 27th Patrol Awards Ceremony and 38th Annual Meeting of The MASTERS. The celebration took place at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, MO, on April 29, 2017. Twenty-one employees were honored at the event. Two of the employees, Corporal Shayne K. Talburt and Trooper Logan B. Monahan, both Troop E, were unable to attend because they were assisting in the flooded southeast part of the state.

"The banquet room was beautiful, and it was obvious that many from The MASTERS and the Patrol had worked very hard to make it a success," said Clerk Typist III C. Michele Parrott, Troop E, the recipient of the Civilian of the Year award. "I was very honored to be there."

Major Malik A. Henderson, Q/SSB, served as master of ceremonies. The Troop A Color Guard presented and retired the colors. Mr. Alex J. Armstrong, son of Trooper Andy A. Armstrong, Troop F, sang the national anthem. Father John Patrick Day, C.P., of Wood



*With a strong, quiet confidence, Mr. Alex Armstrong, son of Tpr. Andy Armstrong, Troop F, sang the national anthem.*



*The Troop A color guard returns at the end of the evening to retire the colors. From left to right are: Sgt. Erik L. Hurst, Cpl. Matt J. Yoder, Cpl. Russ W. Shaul, and Sgt. Barry A. Kumpf.*



# Awards

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River, IL, gave the invocation and benediction.

Corporal Perry C. Hazelwood III, Troop E, accepted the Benjamin Oliver Booth Officer of the Year award. Cpl.

Hazelwood was accompanied by his family and said they enjoyed the evening. "My family was most impressed by the color guard and the young man who performed the national anthem," he said.

Trooper Becky Eagan, Q/GD, agreed that the banquet atmosphere was professional and well organized. She said her family was happy to attend the event with her to show their support. "They were in awe when Col. Karsten came to the table, spoke with me, introduced herself and shook hands with each and every one at our table," Tpr. Eagan said. "It really gave a very personal tone that was unexpected."

Congratulations to all the awards' recipients. Their actions are a credit to

*Tpr. Rebecca L. Eagan, Q/GD, (second from right), was joined by her brother Mr. Dan Eagan, and sister, Ms. Barbara Caudle, at the banquet, where she accepted a Valor Award. Col. Sandra Karsten (right) is also pictured.*



*Col. Sandra Karsten (right) presented a Meritorious Service Award to Tpr. Grant A. Ayres, Troop F. Tpr. Ayres' wife, Shawna, and son, Bentlee, accompanied him.*



*Cpl. Perry Hazelwood III accepted the 2016 Sgt. Benjamin Oliver Booth Officer of the Year award from Col. Sandra Karsten. His wife, Cynthia, (far left) and son, Perry C. Hazelwood IV, (far right) accompanied him.*

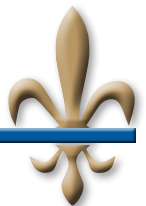


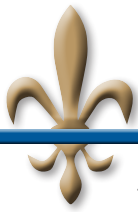
*Tpr. Brandon L. Harris, Troop F, was accompanied by his wife, Natasha, and sons, Jaydin and Josiah, when he accepted a Lifesaving Award. Col. Sandra Karsten (right) presented the award.*

themselves and reflect the core values of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.



*Col. Sandra Karsten joined the award recipients present at the banquet for a photo.*





# Congratulations!

The following employees were honored at the 38th Annual Patrol Awards Ceremony and The MASTERS Banquet:

## **The MASTERS Public Service Award**

Tpr. David A. Paulsen, Troop A

### **Lifesaving Awards**

Tpr. James E. Thuss, Troop A

Cpl. Kyle E. Easley, Troop B

Tpr. David L. Gipson, Troop B

Cpl. Larry A. Turner, Troop C

Tpr. Shayne K. Talburt, Troop E

Tpr. Logan B. Monahan, Troop E

Tpr. Marylyn A. Dickens, Troop F

Tpr. Brandon L. Harris, Troop F

Tpr. James R. Sauer, Q/GD

Cpl. David F. Echternacht, Q/TND

## **Meritorious Service Award**

Tpr. Grant A. Ayres, Troop I

Sgt. Jason H. Glendenning, Troop I

Tpr. Tyler G. Zimmerman, Troop I

## **Civilian Of The Year**

Clerk Typist III Carmen M. Parrott,  
Troop E

## **Benjamin Oliver Booth**

### **Officer Of The Year**

Cpl. Perry C. Hazelwood III, Troop E

## **Valor Award**

Tpr. Daniel A. Yingling, Troop D

Tpr. Adam N. Miller, Troop E

Tpr. Rebecca L. Eagan, Q/GD

## **Purple Heart Award**

Tpr. Donald J. McBride, Troop E

Cpl. Jay A. Shirley, Q/GD

*All of the award recipients are to be commended. Their actions are a credit to themselves and reflect the core values of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Congratulations to each of them!*



## Veteran Appreciates Opportunity, Volunteers

"The 45th Central Missouri Honor Flight just returned to Columbia [MO], with 75 WWII, Korean, and Vietnam veterans, and I was fortunate to be one having served in the Air Force and stationed in Korea. I just turned 84, and some were older and some were younger, but we all had something in common: Having served in the military helping take care of our country.

Our trip included the WWII memorial; Lincoln, Korean, and Vietnam memorials; Arlington National Cemetery; changing of the guard ceremony; Tomb of the Unknowns; Marine Iwo Jima and Air Force memorials ... what an emotional day it was.

We received mail on the way home from Washington, [D.C.] from family and friends. One of mine included this line, 'Thanks for serving our country and keeping your head down and coming home ... or I would not be here.' My family included eight brothers and two sisters; all my brothers served in the military and all came home but one.

My thanks to Mary and Steve Paulsell for organizing this trip, the many volunteers, the guardians who accompanied us on the trip, the more than 300 motorcyclists who escorted our two buses from Kingdom City to Columbia, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, our families who welcomed us home at such a late hour. This is funded through individual and group donations; thanks to those who gave.

I salute all veterans who were on the trip who served their country and helped keep our country the best in the world.

*Thank you.  
Mr. Les Hardin"*



*Colonel Sandra K. Karsten escorted Mr. Les Hardin from the bus into a reception after the 45th Central Missouri Honor Flight returned home.*



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# *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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**Jeannie A. Burns**  
Telecommunicator  
Troop E

*Retired April 1, 2017.  
17 years of dedicated service.*



**Jason P. Clark**  
Sergeant  
Q/DDCC

*Retired April 1, 2017.  
27 years of dedicated service.*

**Kevin G. Haywood**  
Sergeant  
Troop H

*Retired April 1, 2017.  
31 years, seven months of  
dedicated service.*



**Bruce G. Smith**  
Asst. Chief Operator  
Troop G

*Retired April 1, 2017.  
27 years of dedicated service.*



**Bob F. Wolf**  
Captain  
Q/GSD

*Retired April 1, 2017.  
37 years, eight months of  
dedicated service.*



**Charlie M.  
Herigon**  
Computer Info. Tech.  
Spec. II  
Q/CJISD

*Retired May 1, 2017.  
35 years of dedicated service.*

**Thomas A.  
Hoelscher**  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv.  
Troop F

*Retired May 1, 2017.  
22 years of dedicated service.*



**Roger L. Renken**  
Sergeant  
Q/DDCC

*Retired May 1, 2017.  
27 years, 10 months of  
dedicated service.*



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# *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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**Don R. Sheehy**  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II  
Troop E

*Retired May 1, 2017  
25 years of dedicated service.*



**Jeff S. Wagoner**  
Sergeant  
Troop E

*Retired May 1, 2017.  
30 years, nine months of dedicated  
service.*

**Roger M. Westerhoff**  
CVI Inspector III  
Troop C

*Retired May 1, 2017.  
Eight years, 10 months of  
dedicated service.*



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## **PATROL HISTORY TRIVIA**

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***By Capt. E.M. Raub, retired***

From the beginning of the Patrol, members became involved in criminal investigations and quickly recognized a need for scientific analysis of certain evidence. In 1936, a scientific crime detection laboratory was organized under the command of Captain Robert E. Moore. The lab was designated the "Technical Laboratory." Even though inadequate funding limited both the number of personnel and the equipment necessary to operate a crime lab, the Patrol lab quickly became one of the most modern and professional crime labs in the Midwest. Laboratory services were provided free to any law enforcement agency requesting assistance, and still are. In the early years of the lab, the technicians were uniformed Patrol members, and the Patrol was fortunate to have members

who had degrees in chemistry and related fields.

Early lab equipment included a helixometer, stereo camera, comparison microscope, and ultraviolet lighting equipment. A quartz spectrograph was acquired in 1940, that measured the ability of a substance to emit or absorb radiations of definite wavelengths, recorded on a photographic plate, then compared to known standards to identify even minute particles. Laboratory personnel quickly assembled a firearms collection; a collection of every kind of bullet and shell casing that was manufactured; and photographs, charts, and reference books for a reference library.

Within its first two years, the lab had conducted examinations of blood, powder burns, explosives, tool marks,

tire marks, foot prints, dust, fingernail scrapings, firearms, bullets, shell casings, hair, documents, stains, defaced serial numbers, fibers and textiles, money, soil, narcotics, wood, metal filings, paint, oils, and organic materials, and had conducted a variety of toxicological examinations. The expertise of lab personnel quickly grew, as did the various types of examinations they were called upon to perform. The lab handled 230 cases in 1937 and 1938. That number nearly doubled in the next two-year period. The lab handled 13,799 cases in 1994.

The nine members who have served as laboratory director are listed in order of their service: Robert E. Moore, George J. Koch, E.I. "Mike" Hockaday, John F. Williams, James

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O. Rhoads, Ralph N. Eidson, Kenneth E. Miller, Robert W. Schmer, Frank W. Burkhead, and Terry J. Luikart. Through the years the laboratory has continued to grow in expertise, personnel, equipment, capabilities, and caseload. It now included a network of satellite laboratories around the state. The Patrol Crime Laboratory has been accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors since 1984. It is ironic that the original problems that confronted the lab continue today: funding, staffing, getting and keeping current equipment, and growing caseload.

*Editor's note: This article was printed originally in the June 1995 issue of the Patrol News. Today, the Patrol's Crime Laboratory Division includes locations in Jefferson City (GHQ), Macon, Park Hills, Springfield, Carthage, Cape Girardeau, Willow Springs, and St. Joseph, as well as the laboratory evidence kiosk staffed by a laboratory evidence technician at Troop A. In 2016, the laboratory handled 28,678 cases. The MSHP laboratory system is accredited internationally under ISO/IEC 17025 and ASCLD/LAB Supplemental Standards. The current laboratory director is Mr. Bill E. Marbaker, the first civilian to hold that position.*

“The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good people to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it.”

— President Theodore Roosevelt

# Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

## 45 years ago

*June 1972* – A news conference at General Headquarters introduced the media to the Statewide Traffic Accident Records System (STARS). The system was just being developed at this time with the first phase having been completed. At the time of the news conference, 100 police agencies were participating in STARS. The information gathered through STARS helps identify significant trends related to traffic crashes, provides information for traffic study programs, and provides a means to evaluate ongoing programs.

## 35 years ago

*May 1982* – The front cover showed a picture taken at a Ku Klux Klan rally in Hannibal, MO. Anti-Klan demonstrators broke through the barriers during the rally and law enforcement restored order. Approximately 150 people, including the anti-Klan demonstrators, were at the rally. Fifty members of the Patrol along with officers from the Hannibal Police Department, Marion Sheriff's Department, and Ralls County Sheriff's Department were on the scene. The Missouri National Guard was on standby, but not called upon. According to the article, all the law enforcement officers handled the situation in a professional manner.

## 25 years ago

*June 1992* – The Safety Education Center celebrated its 10th anniversary. At the second annual Patrol Awards Banquet, Sergeant Thomas E. Pfaff, Troop H, accepted a 1991 Valor Award. Lt. William K. Seibert, Troop C, wrote an article about two officers from West Virginia Police Service Commission visiting and riding with Trooper Wade Stuart. The WV officers were commercial motor vehicle enforcement officers with full powers of arrest. Tpr. Stuart didn't disappoint them. He stopped a van and recognized a false floor. After consent search was granted, he located 250 pounds of marijuana. According to Lt. Seibert, “Give Wade and audience and he will show off.”

## 15 years ago

*May 2002* – The front cover showed an employee using the newly installed card reader/building access system. DPS Director Charles R. Jackson recognized Cpl. Terry Mast, Troop D, as April 2002 DPS Employee of the Month. Cpl. Mast was recognized for developing a voucher program with Knights of Columbus. During a traffic stop, if the violator was issued a ticket for no child car seat, the trooper could give the driver a voucher if the trooper felt money was the reason for the violation. The voucher helped the driver purchase a child car seat and, when taken to the prosecuting attorney after the seat was purchased, resulted in the ticket being dismissed.

## 5 years ago

*May/June 2012* – The annual awards banquet honored 32 employees. DPS Director Jerry Lee named Sergeant Jason Trammell, Q/DDCC, as the DPS Employee of the Month for April 2012. Sgt. Trammell was honored for his expert polygraphist skills and specifically solving two cases within a week. DPS Director Jerry Lee named Trooper Kelsey J. Rutledge and Trooper Darwin R. Hukill, Troop D, as March 2012 DPS Employees of the Month. These troopers were honored after a “knock and talk” led to the clearing of over 20 theft cases in seven counties in Southwest Missouri and one county in Southeast Kansas. C. Dewayne Graham Jr. memorial bridges were dedicated.

# 'Looking Beyond The Stop'

*The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial traffic/boating stop. Each of these officers made at least one arrest during the period of February 25, 2017 to April 20, 2017. (Editor's note: This column excludes DWI/BWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information in the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column. Rank and assignment reflect those at printing.)*

## **Troop A**

Tpr. T.A. Baxter, 2 arrests  
Cpl. R.J. Chapman, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.S. Craig, 1 arrest  
Cpl. B.N. Comer, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.R. Dancy, 7 arrests  
Tpr. Q.L. DiNovi, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Dodson, 5 arrests  
Tpr. R.O. Green, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.M. Harrison, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.W. Hunter, 4 arrests  
Tpr. D.J. Jackson, 2 arrests  
Sgt. N.K. Johnson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.T. Langsdale, 1 arrest  
Tpr. W.J. Luzenko, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.K. Marlin, 1 arrest  
Cpl. D.D. Mathes, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.W. Miller, 1 arrest  
Cpl. C.D. Moeller, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.W. Montgomery, 2 arrests  
Cpl. J.D. Owens, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.A. Paulsen, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Peters, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.M. Ryun, 4 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. Siercks, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.G. Sims, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.J. Thompson, 3 arrests  
Sgt. C.E. Utterback, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.C. Utz, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.J. Villanueva, 10 arrests  
Tpr. N.D. Wallace, 2 arrests  
Cpl. R.J. Wilhoit, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.B. Wright, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.R. Wright, 1 arrest

## **Troop B**

Cpl. T.J. Adams, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.L. Bradley, 2 arrests  
Cpl. J.D. Davidson, 4 arrests  
Cpl. C.M. Duppong, 2 arrests  
Cpl. K.E. Easley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.C. Ewigman, 2 arrests  
Tpr. G.L. Gaines, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.L. Gipson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.J. Haley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Henry, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.M. Hitt, 4 arrests  
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 1 arrest

Sgt. M.E. Kauth, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.E. Kindle, 1 arrest  
Sgt. W.R. Koch, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.R. Kottwitz, 12 arrests  
Tpr. M.J. Lewis, 3 arrests  
Cpl. B.A. Mason, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.S. Pearson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.W. O'Brien, 1 arrest  
Cpl. C.F. Porter, 3 arrests  
Cpl. T.B. Ritter, 2 arrest  
Tpr. J.A. Rowe, 1 arrest  
Cpl. D.E. Siegfried, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.D. Tappendorf, 2 arrest

## **Troop C**

Tpr. J.A. Akers, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.J. Arsenault, 1 arrest  
Tpr. O.R. Baker, 3 arrests  
Tpr. K.R. Bechaud, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.M. Bolton, 2 arrests  
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 3 arrests  
Tpr. D.A. Crowell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.L. Crutcher Jr., 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.R. Diffie, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B. Giesler, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.A. Jackson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.C. Jenkins, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.A. Judy, 2 arrests  
Tpr. P.C. Long, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.A. Mason, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.A. Metteer Jr., 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.J. North, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.D. Oughton, 2 arrests  
Sgt. C.L. Patton, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.L. Peters, 9 arrests  
Tpr. S.T. Roettger, 3 arrests  
Sgt. W.B. Sevier, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.J. Shibley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.T. Soriano, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.A. Teague, 4 arrests  
Tpr. D.L. Walker Jr. 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.P. Waaso, 1 arrest

## **Troop D**

Tpr. T. Baker, 4 arrests  
Tpr. T.A. Barrett, 4 arrests  
Tpr. C.J. Beck, 3 arrests  
Tpr. D.B. Blankenship, 1 arrest

Sgt. G.L. Braden, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.L. Butler, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.C. Clark, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.L. Cleeton, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.R. Copeland, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. DeHann, 6 arrests  
Sgt. M.K. Frazier, 1 arrest  
Sgt M.K. Funderburk, 2 arrests  
Cpl. M.A. Goodson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.T. Hackett, 3 arrests  
Tpr. B.A. Hall, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.L. Harmon, 4 arrests  
Cpl. G.H. Hendrix, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 11 arrests  
Tpr. W.S. Lashmet, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.J. Long, 1 arrest  
Cpl. R.A. Myers, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.W. Meyer, 1 arrest  
Sgt. S.R. Monk, 2 arrests  
Tpr. E.L. Mueller, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.D. Murrill, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.P. O'Sullivan, 1 arrest  
Cpl. D.S. Rice, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.C. Rickman, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Rorie Jr., 5 arrests  
Sgt. S.R. Rowe, 1 arrest  
Cpl. C.A. Stallcup, 3 arrests

## **Troop E**

Tpr. C.D. Berry, 2 arrests  
Cpl. D.W. Crank, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.E. Erpenbach, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.R. Gibson Jr., 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.E. Griffin, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.J. Haggett, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.L. Huggins, 3 arrests  
Tpr. T. Karizamimba, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.E. Leach, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.W. Myers, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.L. Purnell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.L. Schlieff, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.T. Schneid, 3 arrests  
Tpr. C.D. Tucker, 4 arrests  
Tpr. G.T. Ulm, 4 arrests  
Cpl. J.J. West, 7 arrests  
Tpr. E.M. Westmoreland, 3 arrests  
Tpr. R.J. Windham, 1 arrest

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## Troop F

Tpr. G.A. Beaulieu, 1 arrest  
Sgt. M.J. Cody, 1 arrest  
Tpr. Z.A. Czerniewski, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.J. Dalton, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.A. Dickens, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.C. Fick, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.W. Harlan, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.G. Kettenbach, 2 arrests  
Sgt. C.R. Kicker, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.R. Lawson, 3 arrests  
Tpr. A.A. Lindley, 2 arrests  
Tpr. R.M. Malone III, 1 arrest  
Tpr. H.M. McDaniel, 2 arrests  
Cpl. B.A. McLaughlin, 1 arrest  
Cpl. R.S. Miller, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.H. Mistler, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.O. Mitchell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.E. Newbold, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.B. Nelson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.B. Patterson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. W.R. Plumley Jr., 1 arrest  
Tpr. C. Riechert, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.A. Rizo, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.T. Shikles, 6 arrests  
Sgt. R.S. Thompson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.J. Wagner, 2 arrests

## Troop G

Tpr. M. Barron, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C. Boatright, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.D. Crewse, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.J. Crewse, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.S. Cunningham, 8 arrests  
Tpr. J.M. Heimsoth, 2 arrests  
Cpl. A.D. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. D.J. Johnson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.M. Kenyon, 1 arrest  
Sgt. G.J. Loring, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.J. Mendez, 11 arrests  
Tpr. D.L. Nash, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.W. Philpott, 3 arrests  
Tpr. J.D. Piccinino, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.O. Prater, 6 arrests  
Tpr. B.C. Rowden, 8 arrests  
Tpr. Z.B. Tate, 1 arrest  
Cpl. E.M. VanWinkle, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.T. Weakley, 1 arrest

## Troop H

Tpr. J.C. Acree, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.S. Belshe, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.E. Hailey, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.R. Hecker, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.R. Heits, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.B. Heintz, 2 arrests  
Tpr. K.F. Jeffers, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.S. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Johnston, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.D. Martin, 3 arrests

Tpr. J.D. Maudlin, 8 arrests  
Tpr. M.J. Miller, 3 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. Muck, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.W. Neely, 1 arrest  
Sgt. L.M. Newman, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.L. Shupe, 1 arrest  
Sgt. M.A. Wilhoit, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.M. Wright, 4 arrests

## Troop I

Tpr. S.M. Blackston, 9 arrests  
Cpl. R.W. Clement, 2 arrests  
Cpl. L.D. DeClue, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.L. Dunmire, 7 arrests  
Tpr. S.R. House, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.T. Peart, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.N. Rigsby, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.A. Smith, 11 arrests  
Tpr. C.M. Stauffer, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.W. Summers, 2 arrests  
Tpr. P.V.J. Volkmer, 4 arrests

## Q/FOB

Sgt. S.W. Crouch, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.R. Davis, 1 arrest  
Sgt. S.B. Johnson, 2 arrest  
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 15 arrests  
Sgt. G.D. Primm, 1 arrest

## Trooper Rowe Accepts Moberly Optimist Club Award

*By Sergeant Eric F. Brown, Troop B*

On May 8, 2017, Trooper James A. Rowe accepted the Moberly Optimist's Club "Officer of the Year Award" during their annual Respect For Law Enforcement banquet. The event took place at Nelly's Restaurant in Moberly, MO. Each year, the Moberly Optimist Club recognizes an officer from the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Moberly Police Department, Randolph County Sheriff's Office, and the Moberly Correctional Center. Sergeant Nick D. Berry, Troop B, nominated Tpr. Rowe for his strong work ethic, positive attitude, and dedication to the Patrol's mission. Sgt. Berry said Tpr. Rowe is always willing to volunteer for additional assignments and assist others in need, all while wearing a smile! Tpr. Rowe is assigned to Troop B, Zone 10, Monroe and Randolph counties.



*(l to r) Tpr. James Rowe, Randolph County Sheriff Mark Nichols, and Moberly Optimist Club member Fred Ward are pictured.*

# MSHP Responds To Spring Flooding Event

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

The spring showers this year brought flooding, and lots of it. To prepare for the inevitable, the Patrol staged its marine operations troopers in areas expected to be hit hardest. Governor Eric Greitens declared a state of emergency on April 29, in anticipation of the event. This executive order activated the State Emergency Management Agency's Operation Center. The Patrol provided personnel at the SEMA Operations Center to assist in the coordination of the Patrol's efforts. Public information personnel assisted in the Joint Information Center.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol staged aircraft in Springfield, MO, and 47 marine operations troopers (all swift water qualified) with the necessary equipment in Troops C, D, E, G, and I in anticipation of the flooding. Troops A, B, and F supplied additional personnel and equipment throughout the event. Thirty-one boats were made available for swift water rescues, evacuations, flood details, and water patrols. Three aircraft (two helicopters and one fixed-wing) took part in rescues, provided flood assessment, and checked power lines. Eleven flights took place during the flooding in the Troops D, E, and G areas.

The Patrol's flood response lasted from April 28 until May 7, 2017. Marine operations troopers assisted 223 people and handled 82 flood-related rescues/evacuations. Six flood-related fatalities were reported. Road troopers complemented the

marine operations troopers by reinforcing road closure barricades and responding to numerous flood-related service calls (i.e. reports of water over the roadway, obstructions on the roadway, damaged to roadways, etc.).

One example of the Patrol's service and protection during the flooding was the security provided for the city of Van Buren. Zone officers covered the area during the day and a contingent of two to three troopers covered the area from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. from April 29-May 7, 2017. The troopers' presence prevented looting/vandalism during the overnight hours while the Van Buren Police Department assisted their citizens in the cleanup and recovery effort.

Although the Patrol returned to normal operations on May 7, 2017, troopers continued to monitor waterways experiencing higher than normal water levels to caution the public about

the potential dangers and assist where needed.

The Patrol's social media presence played an important role during the flooding event. The public information and education officers kept the public informed with 293 Twitter posts and 18 Facebook posts during the week. The Patrol reached more than 1,712,548 people with its messages. Social media was of great benefit during this time of emergency. Many of the pictures and videos posted were used by other state agencies and the national news media. The most popular posts often were accompanied by short video clips.

*Road troopers complemented the marine operations troopers by reinforcing road closure barricades.*



*The flooding caused bridges and roads to be closed in several parts of the state. In some cases, roads were washed away.*



*Marine operations troopers assisted 223 people and handled 82 flood-related rescues/evacuations. Six flood-related fatalities were reported.*



*Marine operations troopers evacuate a mother and her two children.*



# Deaths

## Jeraldine E. Garner



Jeraldine E. Garner died March 13, 2017. She joined the Patrol in July 1974, as a housekeeper. She then served as a driver examiner before becoming a motor vehicle inspector. She would retire in August 1994, after 23 years of dedicated service. She is survived by her husband, Laurey T. Garner, and other family members. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Garner family.

## Sammy R. Jackson



Sammy R. Jackson, 69, of Poplar Bluff, MO, died

Sunday, April 9, 2017, at his residence. Mr. Jackson was born in Kennett, MO, and proudly served in the U.S. Air Force. His career in law enforcement included the Kennett Police Department, Poplar Bluff Police Department, Cape Girardeau Sheriff's Department, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Mr. Jackson retired as a corporal after 26 years of dedicated service as a member of the Patrol. He is survived by his wife, Sherry; son, daughter, two grandchildren, brothers, and sisters. For more information visit the Cotrell Funeral Service website at [www.cotrellfuneralservice.com](http://www.cotrellfuneralservice.com). The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Jackson family.

## Joseph E. Faber



Joseph E. Faber, 86, of Jefferson City, MO, died Friday, April 14, 2017. Joe was born in Desloge, MO, and graduated from Desloge High School in 1949. He served in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict, and was stationed on the USS Midway and USS Lake

Champlain. Joe was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1955 and retired as a captain in 1990, after 35 years of dedicated service. He is survived by his wife, Anna, four sons, four daughters, 22 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. To learn more about Joe's life, visit the Freeman Mortuary website at [www.freemanmortuary.com](http://www.freemanmortuary.com). The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Faber family.

## Ronald A. Selvey



Ronald A. Selvey, 87, of Bolivar, MO, died Saturday, April 15, 2017. Ron was born in Lamar, MO, and graduated from Lamar High School in 1947. He served eight years in the U.S. Army Reserves. In 1953, he and his identical twin, Don, were appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He retired as a sergeant in 1989, after over 35 years of dedicated service. He is survived by his wife, Donna, three children, 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, two brothers,

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a sister, and a host of additional family members. To learn more about Ron's life, visit the Butler Funeral Home website at [www.butlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.butlerfuneralhome.com). The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Selvey family.

## Rosemary Stockman



Rosemary Stockman, 80, of Pleasant Hill, MO, died April 14, 2017. She was born in Higginsville, MO, and graduated from Higginsville High School in 1955. Rosemary was employed as an account clerk for the Missouri State Highway Patrol, retiring in 1997, after 12 years of dedicated service. She is survived by her husband, Bill, one daughter, one son, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. To learn more about Rosemary's life, visit the Stanley-Dickey Funeral Home website at [www.stanley-dickeyfuneralhome.com](http://www.stanley-dickeyfuneralhome.com).

[dickeyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dickeyfuneralhome.com). The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Stockman family.

## Robert L. "Bob" Hente Sr.



Robert L. "Bob" Hente Sr., 84, of Cape Girardeau, MO, died

April 21, 2017. He was born in Cape Girardeau and graduated from Cape Girardeau Central High School. Bob joined the Patrol in 1954 as a driver examiner and retired in 1993, as a driver examiner supervisor. Bob also served in the Missouri National Guard, retiring as a sergeant first class after 43 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Martha, son, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, brothers, and sisters. To learn more about Bob's life, visit the Southeast Missourian's website at [www.semissourian.com](http://www.semissourian.com). The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Hente family.

## == The MASTERS' Corner ==

*By Mrs. Elaine Libla, executive director*

Our dear friend and The MASTERS Emeritus Director Sam Overfelt died April 18, 2017. Sam was a charter member of The MASTERS and was elected to serve on the board of directors in 1982, faithfully serving until May 2013, at which time he retired. He was then elected to "emeritus director" status. He served as president from 1985 to 1988, and served in other officer positions over the years. He was always ready and willing to help in the work and guidance of The MASTERS. Sam was a kindhearted gentleman with a great love for the Patrol and The MASTERS. He will be missed by all who knew him. Sam is survived by his wife, Gloria; three sons: Craig, Eric (and his wife, Cathy), and David (and his wife, Shu Ye); and six grandchildren.

The MASTERS and the Patrol families extend their sincere condolences to the Overfelt family.



# Missouri's Heroes: A Lasting Impact

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED



Gov. Eric Greitens spoke during the Missouri's Law Enforcement memorial service on May 6, 2017. He said losing any member of the law enforcement community was a tragedy. "These men and women leave an indelible and lasting impact on our world and the people they come in contact with," the governor said.

The Troop F Honor Guard provided a 21-gun salute to honor Missouri's fallen heroes. Pictured from left to right are: Sgt. Craig Kicker, Cpl. Jon Cluver, Tpr. Bryan Salmons, Tpr. Tim Fick, Tpr. Rick Dowd, Sgt. Ron Kyle, and Cpl. Diana Hutzler.



Lt. Col. Eric T. Olson, Q/ASO, and Tpr. Amanda J. Kahler, Troop D, escorted Tpr. Victor O. Dosing's daughters, Vicky Dosing stands with the troopers while her sister Janet Copeland places a flower in the memorial wreath. Tpr. Dosing was killed in the line of duty on December 7, 1941.

## Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:

Clerk IV Allison K. Nolting (Q/PIED) - grandmother  
Ret. Sgt. Larry D. Long - sister-in-law  
Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb (Q/PIED) - aunt  
Auto. Tech. III Jim L. Lute (Q/FFD) - father-in-law  
Crim. Intel. Analyst II Karen L. Lute (Q/DDCC) - father  
Ret. Lt. Mike E. Hermann - mother  
Ret. Lt. E. Joseph Dayringer - mother-in-law  
CVO II Herbert W. Williams (A) - mother-in-law  
CVO Sprv. I Mike L. Dayringer (A) - stepgrandmother  
Sgt. Dennis L. Kuechler (D) - father  
Cpl. C. Nate Bradley (A) - father  
CVO Sprv. I Darcy D. Vette (H) - father-in-law  
Tpr. Jesse S. Halley (B) - grandmother  
Ret. Capt. Terry J. Luikart - wife

DE III Kimberly J. Harrison (E) - father  
Ret. Lt. Mike E. Hermann - mother  
Ret. Col. James F. Keathley - father-in-law  
Cpl. Jeremie L. Keathley (I) - grandfather  
Cpl. Lonnie J. Keathley (C) - grandfather  
Sgt. Steven J. Childers (I) - brother  
CVI Sprv. I Brandon S. Whittington (Q/CVED) - stepsister  
Ret. Lab. Rec. & Evid. Control Clerk LRECC Brenda Ryan - mother  
Ret. Sgt. Ron Ryan - mother-in-law  
Ret. CVO Sprv. II Lyman W. Bean - sister  
DE I J. Logan Stovall (F) - father-in-law  
DE Chief Angela M. Weddington (B) - father  
DE III Bill Weddington (F) - father-in-law  
CVE Insp. III Feryl S. Myers (A) - father  
Clerk Typist III Alisha J. Cartwright (I) - sister  
Tpr. Quentin R. McConkey (H) - grandmother  
Ret. Lt. Thomas J. Halford - mother

Sgt. Michael A. Halford (F) - grandmother  
Cpl. Matthew T. Halford (F) - grandmother  
MVI Sprv. Stacy R. Barton (E) - grandfather  
DE Sprv. Kelly D. Sebek (E) - grandfather  
Ret. Lt. Donald R. Frey - brother  
Comm. Oper. III Lalah M. Gregory (G) - sister  
Lab. Evid. Tech. II Candace H. Schwartz (Q/CLD) - grandmother  
Technician II Debbie C. Castor, (Q/PRD) - mother  
Crim. Intel. Analyst II Terry L. Mears (Q/DDCC) - father  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv. William D. Beatty (D) - father-in-law  
Ret. Sgt. Donald E. Selvey - brother  
Ret. Sgt. Timothy R. Selvey - uncle  
Ret. Sgt. Tony D. Selvey - uncle  
Ret. Major Dale A. Penn - father-in-law

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